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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 10/22/03 was received. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

3. Claims 17-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The language of the claim raises a question as to whether the claim is directed merely to an abstract idea that is not tied to a technological art, environment or machine which would result in a practical application producing a concrete, useful, and tangible result to form the basis of statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. 101.

Claims 17-24, claim the non-statutory subject matter of logic. Data structures not claimed as embodied in computer-readable media are descriptive material per se and are not statutory because they are not capable of causing functional change in the computer. See, e.g., *Warmerdam*, 33 F.3d at 1361, 31 USPQ2d at 1754 (claim to a data structure per se held nonstatutory). Therefore, since the claimed programs are not tangibly embodied in a physical medium and encoded on a logic then the Applicants

has not complied with 35 U.S.C 101.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by White et al. (U.S. Patent 7,308,090).

As to claims 1-2, 17-18, and 25, White et al. teaches a method for connecting an end point to a conference call comprising:

associating a caller identifier with a conference call identifier, the caller identifier corresponding to an endpoint, the conference call identifier corresponding to a conference call (col. 1, lines 37-46);

receiving a call from the endpoint associated with the caller identifier (col. 1, lines 39-42; col. 2, lines 31-34 and lines 57-63);

determining that the caller identifier is associated with the conference call identifier of the conference call (col. 1, line 42-46);

initiating connection of the endpoint to the conference call in order to connect the endpoint to the conference call (col. 1, lines 53-55; col. 1, line 64 through col. 2, line 2; col. 10, lines 26-28).

As to claims 3, 11, and 19, White et al. teaches receiving conference call information comprising the caller identifier and the conference call identifier; and associating the caller identifier with the conference call identifier (col. 1, lines 37-46; col. 2, lines 29-36).

As to claims 4, 12, and 20, White et al. teaches storing the conference call identifier associated with the caller identifier in a conference call table (col. 2, lines 42-49 - *list of identifiers*).

As to claims 5, 13, and 21, White et al. teaches determining whether the conference call is in session; and initiating connection of the endpoint to the conference call if the conference call is in session (col. 5, lines 23-25).

As to claims 6, 14, and 22, White et al. teaches determining if there is a request for connection, the request associated with the endpoint; and connecting the endpoint with the conference call if there is the request for connection (Fig. 4, items S4.1, S4.2, and S4.5).

As to claims 7, 15, and 23, White et al. teaches determining if the endpoint is authorized to connect with the conference call; and connecting the endpoint with the conference call if the endpoint is authorized to connect with the conference call (col. 5, lines 56-63).

As to claims 8, 16, and 24, White et al. teaches announcing a caller associated with the caller identifier prior to connecting the endpoint with the conference call (col. 5, lines 61-63).

Claims 9-10 are rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claims 1-2. Furthermore, White et al. teaches a memory to store data and a control logic coupled to the memory (col. 6, lines 18-30).

Claim 26 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claims 1 and 5-8.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ju et al. (US Patent 6,744,741) teaches system and method for maintaining a plurality of media conferences.

Wu (US Patent 6,275,575) teaches method and system for coordinating and initiating cross-platform telephone conferences.

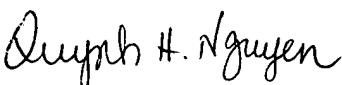
Chen et al. (2003/0035381) teaches network-based teleconferencing capabilities utilizing data network call set-up requests.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quynh H. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7489. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 6:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar, can be reached on 571-272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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